(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Manufacturing Sector's share in GDP

†186. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target is being laid down to double the existing share of manufacturing sector in GDP; in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the share of manufacturing sector in GDP which has been fixed as per the target and by when it will be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) (a) to (c) No target has been laid down to double the existing share of manufacturing in GDP. As per the Quick Estimates (QE) and Advanced Estimates (AE) of the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), the share of manufacturing sector GDP (at factor cost) increased from 17.0 per cent (QE) in 2003-04 to 17.3 per cent (AE) in 2004-05.

Curbs on iron-ore exports

187. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to put curbs on iron-ore exports owing to its increasing domestic demand;

(b) if so, the details of action plan;

(c) the amount of iron-ore exported during 2003-04; and

(d) how far the proposed action plan would help to enhance our earnings through value added iron products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) (a) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.